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| Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? | Yes (see Annex L) |

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